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SUBJECT: BRIEFING ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT

REF: A(BOGOTA 7391 (NOTAL) B) STATE 196080 (NOTAL)
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1. TO CONFIRM TELCON WITH CHARGE, PRISCILLA CLAPP,
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR, PM, AND GEORGE F.
JONES, ALTERNATE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF REGIONAL
POLITICAL PROGRAMS, ARA, WILL ARRIVE CARACAS 1645
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 ON PA 445. PLEASE MEET AND ASSIST
AND RESERVE TWO SINGLES AT MODERATE HOTEL FOR NIGHT
AUGUST 10.

2. TEAM PLANS DEPART CARACAS AT 0100 SATURDAY AUGUST 12
ON VARIG 803, ARRIVING RIO 0800. SOLE PURPOSE OF RIO
VISIT IS TO MEET WITH SERGIO GONZALEZ GALVEZ, DIRECTOR,

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, MEXICAN FONOFF, WHO WILL BE IN RIO FOR MEETING OF INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMISSION. CONSULATE GENERAL IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ AT HOTEL MERIDIANI AND CONFIRM TO HIM THAT CLAPP AND JONES ARE ARRIVING SATURDAY MORNING AS ARRANGED WITH HIM BY EMBASSY MEXICO. THEY WILL CONTACT HIM AT HIS HOTEL ASAP AFTER ARRIVAL. CONGEN REQUESTED RESERVE TWO SINGLES AT NEARBY MODERATE HOTEL.

3. TENTATIVE DEPARTURES FROM RIO: JONES, 2230 SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 ON PAA 202 TO NEW YORK; CLAPP, SAME FLIGHT ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 13.

4. FOR BRASILIA. THIS TRIP IS PART OF ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH VENEZUELAN AND MEXICAN GOVERNMENTS ON THEIR INITIATIVES FOR LATIN AMERICAN ARMS RESTRAINT. SPECIFIC PURPOSE IS TO BRIEF GONZALEZ GALVEZ ON US-SOVIET CAT TALKS IN HELSINKI, WHICH JONES AND CLAPP ATTENDED, PRIOR TO MEETING OF 17 LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN MEXICO AUGUST 21 TO DISCUSS ARMS TRANSFERS. BRAZIL IS INVITED TO MEXICO CITY MEETING AND WE UNDERSTAND GONZALEZ GALVEZ MAY GO TO BRASILIA AUGUST 14 TO URGE GOB TO ACCEPT.

5. PLEASE ADVISE IF POSTS PERCEIVE ANY OBJECTION TO PROPOSED TRAVEL. TEAM IS NOT RPT NOT PLANNING TO SEE ANY CONFIDENTIAL

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BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS, UNLESS EMBASSY BRASILIA BELIEVES IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. CHRISTOPHER

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